

Res. 717, amended, honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 58th birthday; **Pages H7014–17**

*Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act:* H.R. 4836, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the “Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”; **Pages H7017–18**

*Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act:* H.R. 1318, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the “Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”; **Pages H7018–20**

*Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act:* H.R. 2457, amended, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument; **Pages H7020–21**

*Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the jurisdiction of the NOAA for a Marine Life Science Center:* H.R. 4027, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; **Pages H7021–22**

*Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004:* H.R. 4481, amended, to amend Public Law 86–434 establishing Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park; **Pages H7022–23**

*Clarifying the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System:* H.R. 3056, amended, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; **Pages H7023–24**

*Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2004:* S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H7024–25**

*Amending the Organic Act of Guam:* H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; **Pages H7025–28**

*Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1858:* H.R.

5008, to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 30, 2004; and **Pages H7028–31**

*Expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston and New York for their hospitality, planning, and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions:* H. Res. 765, expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston, Massachusetts and New York City, New York, for their extraordinary hospitality and successful planning and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions. **Pages H7034–35**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7031**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–212). **Page H7002**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7001.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1368 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; S. Con. Res. 127 was held at the desk. **Page H7060**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H7074.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7031–32, H7032–33, and H7033–34. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CONSTITUTION RESTORATION ACT OF 2004

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 3799, Constitution Restoration Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from former Representative William E. Dannemeyer of California; and public witnesses.

### LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2004

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 4571, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2004, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule

provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Turner of Texas or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and which shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rules provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith (TX) and Scott (VA).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, proposed legislation making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine S. 2066, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, 8:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2532, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 2723, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and S. 2709, to provide for the reforestation of appropriate forest cover on forest land derived from the public domain, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine and discuss legislative and administrative options to address the personnel recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, focusing on improving the presidential appointments process for national security positions, establishing a single agency that conducts security clearance background investigations for U.S. personnel, and providing some additional personnel flexibilities to the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation to reflect its increased counterterrorism and intelligence responsibilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine maintaining innovation and cost savings relating to hospital group purchasing, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Porter J. Goss, of Florida, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine mandatory retirements, 10 a.m., SD-628.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for certain records and testimony in connection with its investigation into the E-rate program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Ratings Game: Improving Transparency and Competition Among the Credit Rating Agencies," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Homeland Security: Monitoring Nuclear Power Plant Security," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Lessons Learned from the 2004 Overseas Census Test," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Malaria and Tuberculosis in Africa, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on U.S.-European Cooperation on Counterterrorism: Achievements and Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Due Process and the NCAA, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to mark up the following: H.R. 775, Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003; H.R. 4306, To amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for verifying an individual's eligibility for employment; and private relief measures, 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 305, Kate Mullany National Historic Site; H.R. 2237, 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act; H.R. 3258, Hibben Center Act; H.R. 4285, To provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; H.R. 4667, Tapoco Project Licensing Act of 2004; H.R. 4683, Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act;